

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio --2 Parcels covering 345.49 acres.

ES-004

39.65 acres in Monroe County

ES-005

305.84 acres in Noble County

**PROTEST**

**I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests**

This Protest is filed on behalf of:

Name:

Secretia S. Pollard

Address:

446 Haymore Ave. N., Worthington, OH 43085

**II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:**

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

It is deeply disappointing that you failed to file an Environmental Impact Statement as required by NEPA. This is Ohio's only national forest, and riding roughshod over the concerns of local landowners and families like ours who enjoy the outdoors is not acceptable. Our children and grandchildren will pay an unacceptable price for the "mark and grab" approach we are witnessing. Earthquakes occurring where they never did before, the pollution of air and water are damaging our children's quality of life.

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